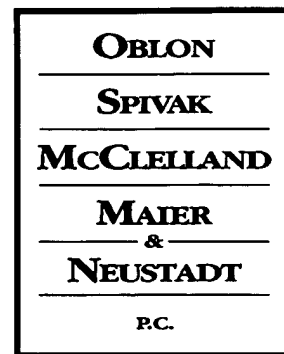




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In response to the Official Action of July 29, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-7 and 35-40, drawn to an ink composition comprising a phosphonium
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